

presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

MASTERTSON, Chairman.

### THIRTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas,  
Wednesday, February 20, 1907.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.  
Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson  
in the chair.

Roll call, quorum present, the following answering to their names:

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Brachfield.	Looney.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Smith.
Griggs.	Stone.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Harper.	Watson.
Holsey.	Willacy.

Absent.

Meachum.

Absent—Excused.

Stokes.

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Senter.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rev. H. M. Sears.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, on motion of Senator Mayfield, the same was dispensed with.

### EXCUSED.

On motion of Senator Masterson, Senator Meachum was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Harper, Senator Smith was excused from attendance upon the Senate for today on account of sickness.

(See Appendix for committee reports, petitions and memorials.)

### BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Alexander:

Senate bill No. 198, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 5098, 5100, 5120 and 5124 of Chapter 3, Title CIV of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1895, relating to taxation."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Griggs:

Senate bill No. 199, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 10 of the General Laws passed at the First Called Session of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of Texas, by amending subdivision 2 of Section 16 of said act, and by repealing Section 21 of said act."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Glasscock and Senter:

Senate bill No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 15 of Chapter 94, Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature of Texas, entitled 'An Act to define, prohibit and declare illegal trusts, monopolies and conspiracies in restraint of trade, and to prescribe penalties for forming or being connected with such trusts, monopolies and conspiracies and to provide for the suppression of same, and to promote free competition in the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith,' and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

Morning call concluded.

### HOUSE MESSAGE.

Hall of the House of Representatives,  
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2282 and 2284 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, as amended by an act entitled 'An Act to amend Title XL, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, by adding Article 2274a, and amending Articles 2282 and 2284 of said title and chapter, relating to notice for and the manner of taking depositions in civil cases, approved April 12, 1905,' and to repeal Article 2274a of said act of April 12, 1905, and to add to said Title XL, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1895, Articles 2291a, 2291b, 2291c, 2291d, 2291e, 2291f, and 2291g, amending the statute so as to provide for taking deposition in civil cases orally."

House bill No. 87, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring that persons, firms and corporations who sell intoxicating liquor without first procuring license

and paying all taxes due, and who engage in selling, dispensing, taking orders for, prescribing the use of, or peddling intoxicating liquor contrary to the provisions of this act in counties and precincts wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor has been prohibited by law, to be creators and promoters of a public nuisance; providing that such persons may be restrained by writs of injunction, and in certain cases that license may be revoked; that this act shall be cumulative, prescribing methods of procuring testimony, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 22, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the employment of legislative counsel and agents, and returns of legislative expense."

House bill No. 274, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a Department of Agriculture," with engrossed rider.

House bill No. 214, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and prohibit discrimination against persons seeking employment, and to prescribe penalties for the breach of said act," with engrossed rider.

House bill No. 296, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a board to calculate the ad valorem rate of taxes for State purposes each year, and to prescribe the duties of such board, and certain duties of the tax assessor of the various counties in this State," with engrossed rider.

House bill No. 317, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 11, Chapter 5, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the First Called Session of the Twenty-fifth Legislature, limiting the fees of district clerks and other officers."

House bill No. 162, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining commission merchants, requiring such merchants to give bond, imposing a penalty for pursuing the occupation of commission merchant when bond has not been made, providing that suit may be brought on such bonds, fixing the venue of such suits, repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

House bill No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to protect the lives and property of the traveling public, and the employes of the railroads in the State of Texas."

House bill No. 216, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating bail in criminal cases and relating to mode of trial of the defendant in prosecutions for felonies, with an emergency clause."

House bill No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting betting or gambling on all manner of ball games,

and providing penalties for violations," with engrossed rider.

House bill No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3384, Title LXIX, Chapter 3, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for the ordering of election by commissioners court in counties, precincts, subdivisions of any counties or in any towns or cities, amending said article so as to allow counties having less than 750 voters to order an election by petition of one-third of its voters," with engrossed rider.

House concurs in Senate amendments to House bill No. 196, by the following vote: Yeas, 100; nays, 0.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

#### BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) had read and referred, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

House bill No. 69, read and referred to Committee on Privileges and Elections.

House bill No. 214, read and referred to Committee on Labor.

House bill No. 274, read and referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

House bill No. 296, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 138, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 287, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

House bill No. 87, read and referred to Finance Committee.

House bill No. 22, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 80, read and referred to Committee on Labor.

House bill No. 162, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 216, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

House bill No. 317, read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

#### RECESS.

Here the business league of Houston appeared in the gallery, and on motion of Senator Griggs, the Senate recessed for fifteen minutes.

#### AFTER RECESS.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

## SENATE BILL NO. 156.

On motion of Senator Harbison, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 55) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 156.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 156, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 3 of an Act of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of Texas, approved May 1, 1905, entitled 'An Act relating to State and county finances and the finances of cities incorporated under the General Laws of this State, providing for a system of State, county and city depositories for said State, county and city funds, for the selection and designation of such depositories; to provide penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith.'"

The question on the bill was the adoption of the amendment by Senator Harbison on yesterday, which was a substitute bill. (See page 301 for the substitute bill.)

The amendment was adopted.

Senator Harbison offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill by adding in blank space in Section 2 before the word "dollars," "three hundred."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Harbison, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone.
Looney.	

Senator Faust offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out "\$100,000" and inserting "\$50,000" wherever it occurs on page 345 of the printed bill.

The amendment was adopted by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone.
Looney.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone.
Looney.	

Senator Harbison moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12  
—MADE SPECIAL ORDER.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 55) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order,

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, To amend Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors, and such women as aided the Confederacy, and making an appropriation.

On motion of Senator Glasscock, the resolution was made a special order for tomorrow morning at the conclusion of the morning call.

## SENATE BILL NO. 55.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and special order,

Senate bill No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the several counties of Texas to create and establish drainage districts; to construct canals, drains and ditches; to make levees, improve streams and water courses, and make other improvements for the purpose of drainage; to order and hold elections for the purpose of voting on drainage propositions and authorizing the issuance of bonds and levy of tax, and to issue bonds in payment for such drainage improvements and the maintenance thereof, and to levy and collect taxes for the payment of such bonds, the appointing of drainage commissioners and all other necessary officers of such drainage districts for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; granting the right of eminent domain to such drainage districts, and authorizing the drainage commissioners to acquire by purchase, gift or grant for such district title to any right of way and other property, and generally authorizing the county commissioners court and the drainage commissioners to do all things necessary for the establishment of such districts according to the provisions of this act," etc.

Senator Masterson offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill by striking out the words "five dollars," in line 22, page 3, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "ten dollars."

MASTERSON,  
GRIGGS.

Senator Masterson offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill by striking out the words "five dollars" in line 21, page 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "ten dollars."

MASTERSON,  
GRIGGS.

Senator Masterson offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend the bill by inserting after Section 18, page 8, Section 18a:

"Sec. 18a. Before entering upon their duties each of the drainage commissioners shall make and enter into a good and sufficient bond in the sum of \$1000, payable to the county judge, for the use and benefit of said drainage district, conditioned upon the faithful performance of their duties."

MASTERSON,  
GRIGGS.

Senator Murray offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend Section 17, page 7, line 31, after the word "district," by adding the following: "Provided, the compensation (if any) shall have been definitely fixed in the order of the court as provided in Section 4 of this bill."

MURRAY,  
MASTERSON.

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Masterson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone
Looney.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone.
Looney.	

Senator Masterson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 58.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and special order,

Senate bill No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 21 of Title IV of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and to create the Sixth Supreme Judicial District of Texas, and to provide for the organization of a Court of Civil Appeals within and for the Sixth Supreme Judicial District of Texas,"

There being a majority and a minority committee report on the bill.

Senator Terrell moved to adopt the majority committee report, and

Senator Harper moved to adopt the minority committee report.

Senator Harper then moved that the bill lie on the table subject to call.

The motion was adopted.

## SENATE BILL NO. 117.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 25) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 117.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring theaters, play

houses, opera houses and other show buildings by whatever name known, to be public places of amusement, to prevent the owners, lessees, managers and agents thereof from discriminating against persons, stock companies, corporations or others applying to lease or rent such public places of amusement for productions and renditions of dramas, operas and other shows by whatever name known; to provide for the keeping and exhibiting and booking of all leasings and lettings of such houses; to require certain stipulations in all subsequent leases and renewals for a term; providing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Griggs, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield.	Senter.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Stone.
Looney.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum. Stokes.  
Smith.

## Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield. Senter.  
Green. Skinner.  
Greer. Stone.  
Looney.

Senator Griggs moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILL NO. 168.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the special order of business (Senate bill No. 25) was suspended, and the Senate took up, out of its order, Senate bill No. 168.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 168, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to and providing for the assessment of taxes of lands and interests in lands on and in which there is oil and other minerals."

(Senator Willacy in the chair.)

Senator Grinnan offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Amend by striking out all after the words "Section 1," in line 9, page 1, down to and including line 17, page 1, and insert the following: "Where the mining, mineral, oil or gas rights or any interest therein in any land is held under a lease thereof for a term of three years or more, such leasehold estate or interest shall be assessed and taxable against the lessee; and where by any contract, sale or assignment the minerals, oil or gas or any interest therein in any land is held by one person or corporation, and the residue, soil or surface of said land is held by another, each of said properties or interests therein shall be assessed and taxable against its respective owner; and in valuing the residue soil or surface land, or said rights, leasehold or properties for taxation, each shall be valued and assessed separately against its respective owner, so that the aggregate valuation placed upon all shall not exceed a price at which the said residue, soil and surface, including said rights, leasehold estate and properties would probably sell for at a fair voluntary sale for cash, if vested in the same owner."

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Grinnan, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

## Yeas—20.

Alexander.	Holsey.
Barrett.	Hudspeth.
Chambers.	Kellie.
Cunningham.	Masterson.
Faust.	Mayfield.
Glasscock.	Murray.
Griggs.	Paulus.
Grinnan.	Terrell.
Harbison.	Veale.
Harper.	Willacy.

## Nays—I.

Watson.

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum. Stokes.  
Smith.

## Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield. Senter.  
Green. Skinner.  
Greer. Stone.  
Looney.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—21.

Alexander.	Hudspeth.
Barrett.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Cunningham.	Mayfield.
Faust.	Murray.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Griggs.	Terrell.
Grinnan.	Veale.
Harbison.	Watson.
Harper.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent—Excused.

Meachum. Stokes.  
Smith.

## Absent Excused—On Account of Investigating Committee.

Brachfield. Senter.  
Green. Skinner.  
Greer. Stone.  
Looney.

Senator Grinnan moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

## BILLS SIGNED BY THE CHAIR.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Davidson) gave notice of signing, and did sign in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read,

House bill No. 226, "An Act to amend Article 642 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to the purposes for which private corporations may be formed, by adding to said Article another subdivision known as Subdivision 65, and declaring an emergency."

Senate bill No. 16, "An Act making it an offense, punishable by fine and removal from office for any executive, legislative or judicial officer of this State, county, city or other municipal subdivision of the State, to appoint or vote for the appointment of any person related to him by affinity or consanguinity within the third degree to any clerkship, office, position, employment or duty in any department of the government of which such executive, legislative or judicial officer may be a member; or any person so related to any other such officer, in consideration of the appointment or vote for the appointment by such other officer, of any person so related to the officer making or voting for such appointment; prohibiting the payment of any such ineligible person out of any public funds, and providing for suitable punishment and removal from office for the violation of this act, and fixing venue."

## SENATE BILL NO. 25.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading and special order,

Senate bill No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring void sales of portions of stocks of merchandise otherwise than in the ordinary course of trade in the usual and regular prosecutions of the sellers' business, and sales of entire stocks in bulk, unless made in compliance with certain named conditions, and prescribing such conditions and regulations according to which such sales may be made valid."

Senator Veale offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out of line 26 all after the word "knowledge," down to and including the word "sale" in line 28.

Senator Skinner offered the following substitute for the amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all after the word "creditors," in line 26, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Shown by said statement furnished him by the proposed seller,

and any other creditors of whom the proposed purchaser at the time has actual knowledge."

Pending.

Senator Alexander moved to table the amendment and the substitute for the amendment.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Senator Barrett moved that the Senate adjourn until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Senator Chambers moved that the Senate adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Action being on the longest time first, and the motion to adjourn until Friday morning was lost by following vote:

## Yeas—9.

Barrett.	Looney.
Brachfield.	Senter.
Cunningham.	Stone.
Harper.	Watson.
Hudspeth.	

## Nays—17.

Alexander.	Kellie.
Chambers.	Masterson.
Faust.	Mayfield.
Glasscock.	Paulus.
Green.	Skinner.
Greer.	Terrell.
Griggs.	Veale.
Grinnan.	Willacy.
Holsey.	

## Absent.

Murray.	Harbison.
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## Absent—Excused.

Meachum.	Stokes.
Smith.	

The motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock was then adopted.

## APPENDIX.

## PETITIONS.

By Senator Holsey:

Styx, Texas, February 18, 1907.

Hon. W. R. Holsey, Senator of the Ninth Senatorial District of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Excellent Sir: We, the undersigned legal voters, in consideration of bucket shop or gambling in futures, do know and are bound to declare, viz.: It renders the market price of cotton very uncertain at all times and is constantly ravaging and depriving the commercial

enterprises of our country of their just recompense. We declare, in the light of enlightenment and common sense, such an usurpation detrimental to industry, ruin to the prosperity of the Southland; a hampering humiliation to laboring free men. Sir, we beseech you, as other State officials representing the welfare of our State, to form a bill adequate in form and provision in enforcing to clear our State of that destructive encroachment of our liberties; the paining distress of the wealth producers of our State and Nation.

Yours respectfully,  
Numerously signed.

By Senator Mayfield:

We, the undersigned citizens of Correll county being vitally interested in the cotton crop of Texas, earnestly petition our representatives in the House and Senate to support the Jenkins-Mayfield bill for the suppression of gambling in cotton and other farm products and for the regulation of the cotton exchanges of the country.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Looney:

Plano, Texas, February 19, 1907.

To Hon. B. L. Looney, Member Thirtieth Legislature:

The investigations made by Holland's Magazine, which had chemical analyses made of food products and drugs sold in Texas, having shown conclusively that the sale of impure foods and drugs not of standard strength prevails to an alarming extent in this State and we, citizens of Plano, Collin county, respectfully petition that you lend your active efforts to and give your hearty support to the enactment of a pure food and pure drug law, which shall provide:

1. That all food sold for human consumption within the confines of this State shall be wholesome; that animal products sold as food shall be from animals that are healthful and free from disease.

2. That food products sold shall be free from harmful preservatives and deleterious adulterations.

3. That food offered for sale shall not contain any substance which shall lower its quality or nutritive value or be prepared in any way so as to deceive the purchaser as to its quality or value.

4. That mixtures or compounds sold as foods shall be plainly marked or labeled so as to show the ingredients of same.

5. That in the case of milk, the use

of all preservatives, except ice, shall be prohibited; that sweet milk sold shall contain not less than a fixed per cent of butter fat unless it be labeled and sold as skim-milk; that the addition of water shall be considered an adulteration.

6. That drugs sold shall be of standard strength as prescribed by the United States Pharmacopeia or other fixed authority.

We further urge that special provision be made for the enforcement of the law, and that such penalties for violations be imposed as will assure its observance.

Very respectfully,  
Numerously signed.

We, the undersigned citizens of Hunt county, being vitally interested in the cotton crop of Texas, earnestly petition our representatives in the House and Senate to support the Jenkins-Mayfield bill for the suppression of gambling in cotton and other farm products and for the regulation of the cotton exchanges of the country.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Glasscock:

To the Honorable Legislature of Texas:

We, the undersigned citizens and qualified voters of Williamson county, recognizing the fact that future trading will continue upon the exchanges at New Orleans, New York and Liverpool, in spite of its suppression in the several States of the South, and believing that the popular demand is really for legislation that will bar bucket shops and eliminate the gambling features but protect the legitimate hedge trader, which includes the spot dealer, merchant and spinner, as well as the producer, do most urgently petition you to seriously consider the demerits of the Mayfield-Jenkins bill before responding to the appeals of those who, while seeking to benefit the farmer, would urge legislation which would demolish a system which has proven to be the only safeguard we have had in recent years to protect ourselves against the devices of those who would be benefited by a lowering of the value of cotton and other commodities.

We, therefore, respectfully request that you adopt some legislation, such as the McGregor-Watson bill, now before the Legislature, which will remove the gambling from future dealing and leave the legitimate features unchanged and secure to us the advantages of complete information concerning the markets, which places us on an equal plane with



those who are desirous of securing our products.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Veale:

Hon. Jno. W. Veale, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: At the above mentioned meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We, the members of Local Union No. 3524 of Kirkland, Texas, believe that the practice of gambling or dealing in what is known as "futures," especially as relates to cotton, is detrimental to the interests of the cotton growers, tending to depress prices; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we petition our Congressman, the Hon. Jno. H. Stephens, and our representatives at Austin, State Senator Jno. W. Veale, and the Hon. J. G. Witherspoon, to uphold and defend all proper measures for the suppression of the same, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each of our representatives, and shall serve as our petition for the purposes above stated.

(Signed)

E. Y. HILL, President.

W. H. D. THOMAS, Secretary.

We, the undersigned citizens of Collingsworth county, being vitally interested in the cotton crop of Texas, earnestly petition our representatives in the House and Senate to support the Jenkins-Mayfield bill for the suppression of gambling in cotton and other farm products and for the regulation of the cotton exchanges of the country.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Stone:

To the Senate of Texas.

Respected Sirs: We, citizens of Waco, Texas, do most earnestly petition your honorable body to enact a law prohibiting the playing of baseball and football on Sunday.

Numerously signed.

By Senator Brachfield:

To the Senate of Texas.

Respected Sirs: We, citizens of Rusk county, do most earnestly petition your honorable body to enact a law prohibiting the playing of baseball and football on Sunday.

To the Senate of the State of Texas.

Respected Sirs: We, citizens of Rusk county, do most earnestly petition your

honorable body to enact a law prohibiting gambling on all manner of ball games.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 275, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Christoval Independent School District in Tom Green county, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees thereof and defining their duties, powers and authority; authorizing said board of trustees to levy, assess and collect a tax of not exceeding 25 cents on the \$100 valuation of all property in said district," etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Barrett, Chairman; Harper, Paulus, Kellie, Glasscock.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 19, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 413, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 9 of an act of the Twenty-ninth Legislature, Chapter 47, General Laws, entitled 'An Act creating an Independent School District, including within its limits the municipal corporation of the town of Ballinger, to provide for the creation of a board of trustees thereof,' " etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Barrett, Chairman; Harper, Green, Kellie, Senter, Glasscock.

(Floor Report.)

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred

House bill No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 1 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1895, relating to adoption of children, by adding thereto Article 2a, providing for the transfer by the natural to the adoptive parents of the custody and parental authority over an adopted child,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

Stone, Chairman; Chambers, Green, Harper, Grinnan, Skinner, Griggs, Masterson.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 19, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act on the subject of private corporations organized for the purpose of owning, maintaining and caring for public or private cemeteries, defining their powers and exempting the same from provisions of the statutes of this State, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

CUNNINGHAM, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 80, "An Act creating the Blossom Independent School District in Lamar county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 9:05 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

MASTERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 165, "An Act to authorize Galveston county to build and own the combination roadway and bridge from mainland to Galveston Island

across Galveston Bay, to connect and as part of the roadways of the county on the Island and mainland and the county to issue bonds for same on taxation; also establishing three mile limit and condemnation proceedings, and providing for the right of way; also to authorize all corporations using said structure to buy the bonds issued by the county and to lease the right of easement of user of portion of said structure from such county on terms agreed on with the county commissioners court, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day at 9:05 o'clock, a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

MASTERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 20, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 49, "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 71, Acts of the Twenty-eighth Legislature, and to amend Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 23, Acts of the Twenty-ninth Legislature,"

And find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 9:05 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

MASTERSON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, February 15, 1907.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, and to prescribe the power and duties of said board and to regulate the practice of pharmacy and the licensing of pharmacists and the compounding and sale of medicines, drugs and poisons in the State of Texas, and to provide penalties for any infringement of the provisions of this act, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

PAULUS, Chairman.